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Application No.: New National Phase ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Application of )  
PCT/JP01/06434, filed )  
July 26, 2001 )  
Filed: March 20, 2002 )  
For: POLYAMIC ACID, POLYIMIDE, )  
PROCESS FOR PREPARING THEM, )  
AND POLYIMIDE FILM FORMED )  
FROM THEM )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly replace claims 13 and 14, and add new claims 21-24, as follows:

13. (Amended) The polyamic acid of claim 3, of which the inherent viscosity measured in a solvent of N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone having the acid concentration of 0.5 g/dl at 35°C falls between 0.1 and 3.0 dl/g.

14. (Amended) The polyimide of claim 6, of which the inherent viscosity measured in a mixed solvent of p-chlorophenyl/phenol = 9/1 (by weight) having the polyimide concentration of 0.5 g/dl at 35°C falls between 0.1 and 3.0 dl/g.

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--21. (New) The polyamic acid of claim 2, of which the inherent viscosity measured in a solvent of N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone having the acid concentration of 0.5 g/dl at 35°C falls between 0.1 and 3.0 dl/g.

22. (New) The polyamic acid of claim 1, of which the inherent viscosity measured in a solvent of N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone having the acid concentration of 0.5 g/dl at 35°C falls between 0.1 and 3.0 dl/g.

23. (New) The polyimide of claim 5, of which the inherent viscosity measured in a mixed solvent of p-chlorophenyl/phenol = 9/1 (by weight) having the polyimide concentration of 0.5 g/dl at 35°C falls between 0.1 and 3.0 dl/g.

24. (New) The polyimide of claim 4, of which the inherent viscosity measured in a mixed solvent of p-chlorophenyl/phenol = 9/1 (by weight) having the polyimide concentration of 0.5 g/dl at 35°C falls between 0.1 and 3.0 dl/g.--

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**REMARKS**

By the present Preliminary Amendment, all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original claims and new dependent claims 21-24 have been added so that the scope of the original multiple dependent claims has been preserved. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachment to the Preliminary Amendment dated March 20, 2002**

**Marked-up Claims 13 and 14**

13. (Amended) The polyamic acid of claim [1, 2 or] 3, of which the inherent viscosity measured in a solvent of N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone having the acid concentration of 0.5 g/dl at 35°C falls between 0.1 and 3.0 dl/g.

14. (Amended) The polyimide of claim [4, 5 or] 6, of which the inherent viscosity measured in a mixed solvent of p-chlorophenyl/phenol = 9/1 (by weight) having the polyimide concentration of 0.5 g/dl at 35°C falls between 0.1 and 3.0 dl/g.